Abolition of the post of Directors in IA

†4108. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision has been taken to abolish five posts of Directors in Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, when it will come into force;

(c) the details of annual financial saving likely to be made by the organisation as a result of such decision; and

(d) the number of members on the Board of Directors after this reduction of strength?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Board of Directors of Indian Airlines has decided to abolish these posts in its meeting held on 15th March, 2001, with immediate effect.

(c) It is estimated that the Company is likely to save about Rs. 30 lakhs per annum on account of salary and allowances etc. The savings on account of perks are being computed separately.

(d) After this reduction, the number of Directors in Indian Airlines has come down from 28 to 23.

The number of Directors on the Board of Indian Airlines, however, remains unchanged.

Privatisation of Airports

4109. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the profit making airports in the country;

(b) the names of the loss-making airports in the country;

(c) whether Government propose to privatise both profit making and loss-making airports; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefore?

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THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The airports at Bangalore, Bhuj, Kolkata, Calicut, Chennai, Delhi, Goa, Juhu, Mumbai and Pune are making profits.

(b) 112 airports are loss making airports and these are located at Ahmedabad, Agartala, Agatti, Agra, Aizwal/Lengpui, Akola, Allahabad, Along, Amritsar, Asansol, Aurangabad, Bagdogra, Baroda, Behata, Belgaum, Belurghat, Bhavnagar, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Bikaner, Bilaspur, Chakulia, Chandigarh, Coimbatore, Cooch Behar, Cuddapah, Daparizo, Deesa, Dehradun, Dibrugarh, Dimapur, Donakonda, Gaggal (Kangra), Gaya, Gorakhpur, Guwahati, Gwalior, Hadapsar, Hassan, Hubli, Hyderabad, Imphal, Indore, Jabalpur, Jaipur, Jaisalmer, Jammu, Jamnagar, Jhansi, Jharsaguda, Jodhpur, Jogbani, Jorhat, Kailashahar, Kamalpur, Kandla, Kanpur, Kanpur (Chakeri), Keshod, Khajuraho, Khandwa, Khowal, Kolhapur, Kota, Kullu (Bhuntar), Lalitpur, Leh, Lucknow, Ludhiana, Madurai, Malda, Mangalore, Muzaffarpur,. Mysore, Nadirgul, Nagpur, North Lakhimpur/Lilabari, Panna, Pantnagar, Passighat, Patna, Pondicherry, Porbandar, Port Blair, Raipur, Rajahmundry, Rajkot, Ranchi, Raxaul, Rupsi, Safdarjung, Salem, Satna, Shella, Shillong, Shimla, Sholapur, Silchar, Srinagar, Tezpur, Tezu, Tirupati, Trichy, Trivandraum, Tuticorin, Udaipur, Varanasi, Vellore, Vijayawada, Vishakhapatnam, Warrangal and Zero.

(c) and (d) In principle, approval has been accorded for restructuring of the airports of Airports Authority of India (AAI) as and when found suitable through long term lease basis. The airports located at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata have been taken up for restructuring through long term lease in the first instance, with a view to:— (i) improve the standard of services and facilities to international standards, (ii) improve managerial efficiency and (iii) attract private sector investment for this purpose.